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To All Interested Parties:

**Subject: *Colusa County Groundwater Management Plan, Participation on the
Plan Advisory Committee***

Colusa County (County) is initiating the preparation of a Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) which we believe is vital for ensuring the long term sustainability of water supplies to support beneficial uses in the County. This work has been made possible with funding from the California Department of Water Resources.

The County has retained the services of Wood Rodgers, Inc., an engineering consulting firm in Sacramento to assist in preparing the GMP. Public outreach including the active participation of a Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) is deemed to be an important part of the GMP formulation. A copy of the Public Outreach Plan approved by the Colusa County Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2007, is enclosed for your information.

Using this opportunity, the County respectfully requests your participation in the PAC. Accordingly, would you please advise the County of your, or your district's, or your organization's interest in participating in the PAC. The expectations of PAC participants are as follows:

1. Participate in over half of the PAC meetings.

The major part of the work is planned to be performed over a period of twelve (12) months and from 10 to 13 PAC meetings are anticipated. The PAC meetings will be conducted by Wood Rodgers. The meetings are anticipated to be held during the day and are expected to last approximately two hours.

2. Provide water resource data and information or to inform the Consultants of where pertinent information may be available.

There is a great deal of historic and planned water related activity in the Sacramento Valley that is not necessarily noted in any one location. Accordingly, information that you have or know of others to have should be identified for Wood Rodgers as early as possible in order that all available data and information can be considered in formulating GMP.

3. Review information and documents and provide constructive comments.

Wood Rodgers will be providing information during the PAC meetings and throughout the course of the work. It is expected that the PAC participants will be responsive and constructive in their review of the information provided.

4. Provide input to enhance the public outreach component of the GMP formulation.

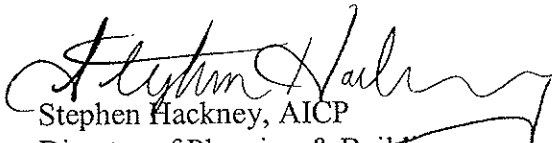
Member of the PAC by virtue of being a part of the community will have insight in ways and means of implementing public outreach as work on the preparation of the GMP progresses. Accordingly input from the PAC on the forum, content, timing, location, and media for communicating and conducting various public outreach activities will be invited.

We would appreciate a response to this letter by February 28, 2007, confirming the interest of you, your district, agency, etc., to participate in the PAC. Please provide the name, address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses for you, your district's representative, etc.

The first meeting of the PAC is scheduled to be held on March 14, 2007. The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Colusa Industrial Park.

Please do not hesitate to call me or Fran Borcalli of Wood Rodgers (916-326-5224) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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COLUSA COUNTY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN

INTRODUCTION

Colusa County (County), through its Groundwater Management Commission (Commission), is initiating work to prepare a Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) that complies with the California Water Code, Article 17050. Concurrently, the County will consider potential modifications to its existing Groundwater Management Ordinance (GMO) to ensure that the GMP and GMO are consistent. To prepare the GMP, the County has contracted with Wood Rodgers, Inc. of Sacramento, California.

To develop a GMP for the County meaningful participation is required at strategic times by agencies, interested organizations, special interest groups, and the general public. The stakeholders interested in participating actively and those wanting to be kept informed of the process will be identified through the public outreach process.

GMP PREPARATION

The entities that will develop, approve, and adopt the GMP for the County and their roles and responsibilities are as follows:

Board of Supervisors – The Board of Supervisors will conduct two public hearings. The first hearing will be to adopt a resolution of intent to prepare a GMP and the second hearing will be to determine whether or not to adopt the GMP. These hearings will be conducted in compliance with the California Water Code, Article 10753.2 through Article 10753.6. A presentation of the Public Outreach Plan will be made to the Board of Supervisors at the onset of the work. With the Board of Supervisors approval, Wood Rodgers, in consultation with the County, will commence implementation of the Public Outreach Plan in concert with the technical work.

Groundwater Management Commission – The Commission will convene at the onset of the work and on a quarterly basis thereafter. The meetings of the Commission will be conducted for the primary purpose of keeping the Commission informed and to seek concurrence on the work and the direction of the GMP. The meetings of the Commission will also provide an opportunity for irrigation and water districts, stakeholder groups, and the general public to be kept informed and to provide comments for consideration in preparing the GMP. The Commission will take action on the GMP to forward it to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Groundwater Management Plan Team -- The GMP team consists of the County, DWR, and Wood Rodgers. Wood Rodgers will perform the majority of the technical work and analyses, draft the BMOs, conduct and document the public outreach effort, conduct public workshops and PAC meetings, participate in the public hearings, and make presentations as approved by the County. DWR will provide available resource data, GIS base map and review Wood Rodgers' work. In addition, DWR's Northern District will maintain a link on its website for the GMP so that information on the project is available to interested parties. The County will provide names and addresses for districts, special interest groups and interested public members, and assist in distributing newsletters and notifications of meetings and events through the media. The County will also provide available data and information related to the general plan and land and water use policies and ordinances affecting water management in the County.

Plan Advisory Committee -- The Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) will be comprised of representatives of water purveyors, cities, environmental and special interest groups, and the public selected by the County. The PAC will provide data and information, opinions, and review and comment on material prepared by the GMP team. Meetings with the PAC are anticipated to occur on a bimonthly basis or at strategic times for addressing particular items, as appropriate.

General Public -- The public will be invited to participate in two public workshops and two public hearings. The first workshop will be conducted in the early part of the work and the second workshop will be conducted prior to releasing the public draft GMP. The two public hearings will be conducted in compliance with the California Water Code, Article 17050.

COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Various means of communication and notification will be utilized to implement the Public Outreach Plan. The various means and application or utilization include:

Mailing/Contact List -- A list of the names and addresses of participants and interested parties will be created and used for communicating information regarding meetings and material related to the GMP.

Website -- DWR (Northern District) will establish a link for the County GMP and maintain it for the duration of the project. The website will be used primarily to post information related to meetings and events for the project and selected information developed during the course of the work. The public draft GMP will be posted on the website for review.

Newsletters -- Newsletters will be prepared and distributed in advance of the two planned public workshops. The newsletters will outline pertinent information about the project and the purpose for the workshop. The

newsletters will be mailed to the names and addresses on the mailing/contact list.

Media -- The County will work with the local newspaper and radio and television stations to obtain coverage for the project in advance of public workshops and selected meetings.

WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND PRESENTATIONS

An important part of the public outreach will be the communications provided by the GMP team and comments provided by those participating in a particular forum. In general, the framework for the various forums will be as described below.

Workshops -- Two workshops will be conducted that will include a PowerPoint presentation of the purpose, scope, and schedule for preparing the GMP (first workshop) and highlights of the draft GMP (second workshop). The purpose of the workshops will be to inform the general public of the work and to receive input on major concerns both technically and geographically. Each workshop will be conducted at three different locations to facilitate participation by interested parties. Attendance and input or comments received will be documented.

Public Hearings -- Two public hearings are required to adopt a GMP in compliance with the California Water Code, Article 17050. The first public hearing will be conducted to adopt a resolution of intent to prepare a GMP and the second public hearing will be conducted to determine whether or not to adopt the GMP.

Meetings -- During the course of the project, meetings will be held with the Board of Supervisors, the Commission, and the PAC. All meetings will have an agenda with copies of pertinent information, as appropriate. Some meetings may include PowerPoint presentations for ease of communicating the information to be addressed. Notes of the meetings will be prepared to document the salient items addressed. Attendance at the meetings of the Commission and PAC will be documented.

Presentations -- As approved by the County, presentations may be made to special interest groups or organizations. Generally, these will include a PowerPoint presentation and handouts. Comments or input received during the respective stakeholder group discussions will be documented as well as the attendance.

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DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

